

**CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEWS ADVISORY**

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***MPD HOSTS HMONG/LAO CONFERENCE
TO AID NEW IMMIGRANTS***

WHAT: Milwaukee Police, together with our partners in the Hmong/Lao communities, developed and will present a training session for new immigrants

WHEN: Saturday, June 21, 2008, 8:45 a.m. to noon

WHO: Milwaukee Police Deputy Inspector Gregory Thompson; District 6 Captain Donald Gaglione; Community Liaison Sgt. Linda Reaves; ADA Community Prosecutor Kelly Hedge; Milwaukee Police Officers Luke Lee, Hue Kong, Samphanh Luangphaxayachack and Soa Yang; Court Commissioner Lynn Hackbarth; leaders of Milwaukee's Lao and Hmong communities

WHERE: Lao Family Community, 2331 W. Vieau Place, large conference room

DETAILS: Leaders of Milwaukee's Lao/Hmong communities have been working with Milwaukee Police to develop a training session to familiarize new immigrants with how law enforcement and the community can work together. This is an unprecedented effort on the part of the Milwaukee Police Department to reach out to and work with the Lao/Hmong community to assist in the transition for new immigrants.

Milwaukee Police will share a specially prepared videotape, "*What To Do When Stopped By The Police.*" Additionally, officers will share information on domestic violence prevention and will discuss with participants how to report crime.

Court Commissioner Lynn Hackbarth will be on hand to answer any questions participants may have regarding court procedures.

The media are encouraged to cover the event. Captain Donald Gaglione and MPD Lao/Hmong officers will be available for interviews before or after the event on Saturday.

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